PROPOSITION 63 HELPS EVERYONE IN CALIFORNIA.

Treating mental illness doesn't just mean helping individuals.

It means better schools and businesses, and safer communities.

Successful treatment keeps adults healthy, employed, and self-sufficient. It helps children stay and succeed in school. Police can focus on crime, instead of untreated mental illness.

## PROPOSITION 63 EXPANDS A PROGRAM THAT WORKS.

After decades of neglecting mental illness, California began an experimental, community-based mental health program five years ago. It helps teenagers and adults get the care they need from one place.

Special community teams offer treatment, medicines, housing, job training and other assistance.

The program has been studied extensively. (See <a href="www.AB34.org">www.AB34.org</a>.) The results show that three times more people found employment than had worked previously. Those enrolled had a 66% reduction in hospital days, and an 81% reduction in jail days.

A panel of nationally recognized experts calls this program a model for the nation.

Right now, the program is small, reaching *fewer than 10%* of those who could benefit. Thousands are turned away.

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## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST

PROPOSITION 63

Proposition 63 makes this new model program available to the thousands now turned away.

PROPOSITION 63 REQUIRES STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY.

**Under Proposition 63:** 

- Funding goes only to these proven, new programs.
- Bureaucrats can't redirect the funding.
- An oversight panel of independent, unpaid members supervises expenditures.
- To ensure accountability, they can cut off programs that aren't effective.

Proposition 63 only taxes individuals on their taxable, personal income over \$1 million. The tax is just 1%. It's even deductible from federal taxes.

Please vote YES on Proposition 63.

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